

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

MESSADEK, Jallal

Application Ser. No. 09/945,391

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Group Art Unit: 1614

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, applicant elects Group I, claims 1-17, 22-24 and 28-30, without traverse. A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this submission.

Should any additional fees be due in connection with this submission, they may be charged to deposit account 19-0522. Any issues which remain and may be resolved by a telephone conference may directed to the undersigned at 1-800-445-3460.

Applicant claims the benefit of small entity status for this and further submissions in connection with this application.

I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box _____, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

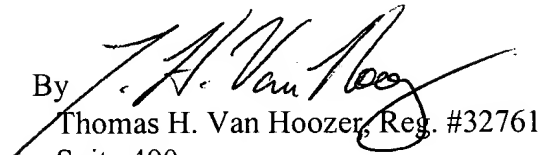
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